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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JOHN C. CLEARY ET. AL.

CASE NO.: SS3335 US DIV 1

APPLICATION NO.: 10/656,736

GROUP ART UNIT: 1771

FILED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2003

EXAMINER: ANNA GOFMAN

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATING NONWOVEN WEBS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated 21 February 2006, and in combination with the Request for Continued Examination, submitted herewith, please amend the application as follows:

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